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For: DATABASE SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF  
DATA RETRIEVAL FROM THE SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008, and subsequent to the Notice of Appeal filed February 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.